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1. I CONVEYED OUR PREFERENCE FOR VIENNA AS THE CONFERENCE OF 27 SITE TO STATE SECRETARY VESELSKY IN CHANCELLOR KRIESKY'S OFFICE SEPTEMBER 26 IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED REFTEL. VESELSKY EXPRESSED AUSTRIAN GRATIFICATION AT OUR SUPPORT.

2. IN FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSION WITH VESELSKY, WE INFORMED HIM OF OUR APPROACH TO THE EIGHT AND OF OUR VIEWS ON THE PROCEDURAL ISSUES. ON SECRETARIAT ARRANGEMENTS, VESELSKY EXPRESSED COMPLETE UNDERSTANDING FOR OUR POSITION TO MINIMIZE THE FORMAL STRUCTURE AND LIMIT SECRETARIAL SERVICES TO TECHNICAL FUNCTIONS. HE SAID THAT WHILE IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO WORK ON THE BASIS OF EXISTING IAEA AND UNIDO FACILITIES, THESE WOULD BE INADEQUATE IN THEMSELVES TO SUPPORT THE CONFERENCE OF 27, AND IT WOULD PROBABLY BE NECESSARY TO STRENGTHEN THEM BY DRAWING ON UN RESOURCES LOCATED OUTSIDE OF VIENNA. BEGIN COMMENT. RE. UTILIZATION OF UN FACILITIES (PARA 3 REFTEL), DEPARTMENT IS OF COURSE AWARE THAT USE OF THE "UN CITY" STILL LIES IN THE FUTURE. THE EXISTING UN ORGANIZATIONS IN VIENNA ARE IAEA AND UNIDO. NEITHER HAS THE PHYSICAL FACILITIES FOR HOUSING A MAJOR CONFERENCE. THE CURRENT IAEA GENERAL CONFERENCE, FOR EXAMPLE, IS BEING HELD IN THE HOFBURG, WHICH IS CONTROLLED BY A PUBLIC CORPORATION --OBVIOUSLY SUBJECT TO GOA INFLUENCE. THE LARGEST IAEA CONFERENCE FACILITY IS THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS' ROOM WHICH TAKES ABOUT 100 PEOPLE -- 34 BOARD MEMBERS AT THE TABLE, EACH WITH TWO DELEGATION MEMBERS SEATED BEHIND, PLUS MINIMAL SECRETARIAT STAFF. FROM VESELSKY'S REMARKS IT IS CLEAR THAT THE AUSTRIANS ARE ONLY BEGINNING TO GRAPPLE WITH PRACTICAL QUESTIONS INVOLVED IN HOLDING THE CONFERENCE IN VIENNA. VESELSKY INDICATED IN PASSING THAT THE HOFBURG WAS A POSSIBILITY. WE HAVE HEARD INFORMALLY THAT THE HOFBURG FACILITIES ARE BOOKED THROUGH THE END OF THE YEAR, ALTHOUGH PRESUMABLY THE GOA COULD FREE THEM UP IF IT WISHED STRENGTHENING THE SECRETARIAL SIDE FROM UN SOURCES OUTSIDE OF VIENNA MAY PRESENT PROBLEMS, EVEN IF THE SECRETARIAT WERE SET UP ON A MINIMAL FORMAL STRUCTURE
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BASIS. END COMMENT.

3. VESELSKY TOLD US THAT THE GOA HAD APPROACHED THE OTHER OECD MEMBERS ON VIENNA AS THE CONFERENCE SITE SEPTEMBER 19, BUT DELAYED MAKING THE APPROACH TO FRANCE TILL SEPTEMBER 23. WE ASKED WHAT THE REACTION HAD BEEN. VESELSKY SAID CHANCELLOR KREISKY HAD ASSURED HIM THAT THE FRG WOULD SUPPORT VIENNA. THE BRITISH HAD SUGGESTED

VIENNA TO THE AUSTRIANS EVEN BEFORE THE GOA RAISED THE MATTER, SO HE COUNTED ON BRITISH SUPPORT. THE DANES AND THE DUTCH WERE FAVORABLE. VESELSKY SAID THE SWISS WERE OPPOSED, SINCE THEY WANTED GENEVA. THE TOPIC HAD BEEN DISCUSSED DURING THE RECENT VISIT TO AUSTRIA BY THE SWISS FOREIGN MINISTER, BUT NO AGREEMENT WAS REACHED. THE TWO SIDES WOULD GO THEIR SEPARATE WAYS. FRANCE PRESUMABLY WISHED TO HOST THE CONFERENCE ITSELF. WITHOUT REFERRING TO THE FRG VIEWS REPORTED BONN 15773, WE ASKED VESELSKY IF HE FELT THAT FRG SUPPORT FOR VIENNA WAS ASSURED, ESPECIALLY IF FRANCE HELD OUT FOR PARIS. HE SAID HE THROUGH SO, ON THE BASIS OF WHAT KREISKY HAD TOLD HIM, BUT HE WOULD PURSUE THE MATTER AND LET US KNOW WHAT DEVELOPED.

4. VESELSKY NOTED THAT IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO MOVE FAIRLY QUICKLY IN ORDER TO COMPLETE PREPARATIONS FOR A DECEMBER MEETING. THE GOA HAD NOT YET APPROACHED THE OPEC COUNTRIES OR ANY LDC'S BUT CONFINED THEIR APPROACHES TO FELLOW OECD MEMBERS AND US. AN APPROACH TO OPEC/LDC'S WAS INDICATED, HOWEVER, AND HE ASKED WHEN IN OUR VIEW IT WOULD BE BEST FOR THE GOA TO DO SO AND, IN THE CASE OF THE LDC'S, WHICH COUNTRIES WOULD MOST LIKELY BE INVOLVED.

5. DEPARTMENT GUIDANCE REQUESTED ON VESELSKY'S QUESTIONS PRECEDING PARAGRAPH. BUCHANAN

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